

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



December 31, 1987

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 87-167

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: GENERAL NOTICE AND POSTER - FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
COMPOSITION

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER 87-160, Dated December 18, 1987

As indicated in All County Letter 87-160, dated December 18, 1987, Public Law 100-77, the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, changed the concept and definition of a Food Stamp household. The new Federal provisions allow a separate household to be formed if a parent with a minor child(ren) lives with his/her siblings or parents and the siblings or parents purchase and prepare meals separately. In certain circumstances, retroactive benefits are available back to October 1, 1987.

The purpose of this letter is to provide County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with a copy of the informing materials and the instructions for implementing those materials. A general notice (TEMP 1727) will be used to inform recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Food Stamps of the availability of current and retroactive benefits. A poster (TEMP 1728) will alert recipients and applicants, including denied individuals, to the change in regulations and the availability of current and retroactive benefits.

TEMP 1727 (NOTICE)

CWDs must mail the TEMP 1727 to their active AFDC and Food Stamp caseloads. Any regular mailing, such as the CA 7, the monthly AFDC check, or the Authorization to Participate card, may be used, or the county may choose to do a separate mailing. If counties wish, they can stagger the issuance of the notices rather than mailing them all out at once. However, all notices must be mailed no later than with the CA 7 for the month of February. Notices in Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian will be mailed to all CWDs by the Language Services Bureau when available.

TEMP 1728 (POSTER)

The TEMP 1728 must be displayed prominently in all CWD waiting rooms. The poster is effective immediately and will be retained until July 31, 1989. Posters in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian will be mailed to all CWDs by the Language Services Bureau when available.

CWDs should use the attached camera ready copies of the TEMP 1727 and the TEMP 1728 for local reproduction; they will not be reproduced by the state.

CWDs that wish to alter the TEMP 1727 or the TEMP 1728 must submit a request to the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau, 744 P Street, Mail Station 16-31, Sacramento, CA 95814 no later than January 31, 1988. Simple changes may be requested initially by phone. Such requests should be directed to Elizabeth Allred at (916) 323-4954 or ATSS 473-4954.

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Attachment

cc: CWDA

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS

You may now be eligible for Food Stamps or for more Food Stamps

Effective October 1, 1987, Food Stamp rules changed for families that include brothers, sisters, parents, and children living together. The old rules said that everyone living together must be in one Food Stamp case. The new rules say that if your family meets two conditions it may be separated into more than one Food Stamp case.

The two conditions are:

- 1) the family must include a parent with a minor child(ren); and
- 2) the parent together with his/her minor child(ren) must buy food and fix meals separately from the other relatives in the household.

If your family meets these conditions, you may ask the welfare department to review your case. The worker will determine whether your family may get more or less food stamps.

Back benefits may be available to current cases or cases denied benefits on or after October 1, 1987. You may get back benefits even if you did not buy food and fix meals separately in the past, as long as you would have done so if you had known about this change.

Contact your worker if you have any questions or wish to have your case reviewed. If, after contacting your worker, you need further information, you may call toll free 1-800-952-5253. The toll free number for the deaf (TDD) is 1-800-952-8349.

TEMP 177 (1-80)

AVISO IMPORTANTE A TODOS LOS MIEMBROS ADULTOS DE LA FAMILIA

Es posible que ahora sea elegible para recibir estampillas para comida
o más estampillas para comida

Con fecha efectiva del 1 de octubre de 1987, cambiaron los ordenamientos sobre las familias que incluyen hermanos, hermanas, padres, y niños que viven juntos. Los ordenamientos anteriores establecían que todas las personas que vivían juntas deberían estar en un caso para fines del Programa de Estampillas para Comida. Los ordenamientos vigentes establecen que si la familia de usted cumple con dos requisitos, puede ser separada en más de un caso para fines del Programa de Estampillas para Comida.

Los dos requisitos son:

- 1) la familia tiene que incluir un padre/madre con un niño(s) menor; y
- 2) el padre/madre junto con el niño(s) menor, tiene que comprar y preparar sus alimentos aparte de los otros parientes que viven en el hogar.

Si la familia de usted cumple con estos requisitos, puede pedirle al departamento de bienestar que revise su caso. El trabajador(a) determinará si la familia de usted puede recibir más estampillas para comida, o menos.

Es posible que se les puedan otorgar beneficios retroactivos a los casos vigentes o los casos en que se les negaron los beneficios, el o después del 1 de octubre de 1987. Es posible que usted pueda recibir beneficios retroactivos, aun si, en el pasado usted no compraba y preparaba sus alimentos separadamente, en tanto que usted lo hubiera hecho si hubiera tenido conocimiento de este cambio.

Comuníquese con su trabajador si tiene preguntas o si desea que revisen su caso. Si, después de que se comunique con su trabajador, todavía necesita más información, puede llamar al número gratuito 1-800-952-5253. El número gratuito para los sordos (TDD) es el 1-800-952-8349.

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ATTENTION

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ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1987:

- Did a parent with a minor child(ren) who received food stamps buy food and fix meals separately from the other relatives in the household?
- Was a parent with a minor child(ren) who bought food and fixed meals separately from the other relatives in the household denied food stamp benefits?
- Would a parent with a minor child(ren) have bought food and fixed meals separately from the other relatives in the household if he/she had known about the new rules?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be eligible to become a separate case. You may also be eligible for back benefits. The welfare department will determine whether your family may get more or less food stamps.

Contact the welfare department if you have any questions or wish to apply to become a separate case. If you are not getting Food Stamp benefits now but think you might be eligible for back benefits, contact the welfare department where you got or applied for Food Stamp benefits on or after October 1, 1987.